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SUBJECT: SWAZI DELEGATION TO WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL
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1. GOS HAS ANNOUNCED DRASTICALLY REVISED LIST OF DELEGATES TO
WCIWY CONFERENCE IN MEXCIO CITY.

2. THE SWAZI DELEGATES WHO DEPARTED JUNE 18, ARE:

A. MR. AND MRS. SAUL M. SHABALALA. SHABALALA IS THE
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. HE IS 59 YEARS OLD,
WITH SOME UNIVERSITY TRAINING. HE IS A CONVINCED TRADITIONALIST,
WHO HAS SERVED THE KING IN THE OUTSIDE OF SWAZILAND SINCE 1958.
HIS WIFE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PART IN SWAZI POLITICS.

B. MRS. ANNAH DLAMINI, WHO HAS SERVED IN THE MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE. SHE HAS BEEN TRAINED IN ISRAEL AND SIERRA
LEONE. SHE IS LISTED AS THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION.

C. MRS. C. ZONDO IS THE HEAD OF THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPART-
MENT OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND SECRETARY OF SWAZILAND'S
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D. MISS V.M. DLAMINI IS A SENIOR INSPECTOR IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SHE IS A GRADUATE OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, AND IS CONSIDERED A BRIGHT AND CAPABLE EDUCATOR.

E. PRINCESS NEGELTETI. SEE REFTTEL

F. MRS. KNKABULE AND MR. W.Z. SIGWANE ARE NOT KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT: MR. SHABABALA; A PROFESSIONAL BUREAUCRAT, IS APPROACHABLE AND BASICALLY FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS. HE WOULD BE THE SWAZI DELEGATE TO APPROACH ON ANY POLITICAL QUESTION. THE ADDITION OF MRS. ZONDO AND MISS V.M. DLAMINI WILL STRENGTHEN THE SWAZI DELEGATION. HOWEVER, THOUGH THE LEADERS HAVE CHANGED, THEY REMAIN MEMBERS OF THE TRADITIONALIST POWER STRUCTURE.
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